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SUBJ: MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC AND PRICE REVIEW PANEL (EPRP)

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A SERIES OF CALLS DESIGNED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OF FUTURE TRENDS IN MALAYSIAN TIN INDUSTRY, EMBOFF MET WITH DAVID WONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATES OF MALAYA CHAMBER OF MINES (WHICH IS THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING DREDGING OPERATIONS IN MALAYSIA). WONG LAUNCHED INTO A BITTER ATTACK ON THE U.S. POSITION AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED EPRP. HE STATED THAT MALAYSIANS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THEH HAD PREPARED A STRONG ECONOMIC CASE SHOWING THE NECESSITY OF RAISING THE FLOOR PRICE TO M\$1,400 PER PICUL AND COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. SO ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A STEP, ESPECIALLY SINCE TIN PRICES ARE WELL ABOVE THAT FIGURE AND WILL PROBABLY REMAIN SO FOR SOME TIME. WONG MAINTAINED THAT INCREASE IN FLOOR ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN ENCOURAGING NEW INVESTMENT IN DREDGES WHICH REQUIRE HIGH CAPITAL EXPENDITURE WITH SLOW PAYBACK OVER LONG PERIOD. HE ALSO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH PETER LAI'S STATEMENT THAT CONSUMERS SHOULD BE MORE INTERESTED IN STRONG FLOOR PRICE TO ENSURE SUPPLY AND PRODUCERS IN A STRONG CEILING TO PREVENT USERS FROM MOVING INTO SUBSTITUTES. DUE TO FACT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON AND WERE NOT

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INCLUDED ON ANY OF THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN LONDON AND WASHINGTON REGARDING THE U.S. POSITION AT THE EPRP, EMBOFF WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND TO THESE CHARGES.

2. GIVEN MALAYSIAN SENSITIVITIES IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY IN FUTURE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT LEAST SUMMARY OF WHAT U.S. POSITION IN ITC MEETINGS IS LIKELY TO BE AND BRIEF

REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE.

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